

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is an action that smacks of censorship and squashing of a dissenting viewpoint. An uninformed public with access to only one point of view cannot make good, reasoned decisions. This is destructive of democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Our public airwaves should never be used to silence dissent or present a single point of view in promotion of a clearly partisan agenda.

Thank you.